(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor and by when they are likely to be appointed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Indian Airlines has a regular Chairman and Managing Director. He has been given the additional charge of Vayudoot also. Air India has an acting Chairman and Managing Diretcor. The appointment of a regular CMD for Air India is receiving the attention of the government.

Exploitation of coal resources in Orissa

*15. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up any scheme for the exploitation of coal resources in Orissa; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHR P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) A statement has been laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government have accorded a high priority in growth of Talcher and Ib-Valley Coalfields of Orissa. Coal resources in the State of Orissa have been estimated by the Geological Survey of India to be 44304.43 million tonnes as on 1-1-91, out of which 4826.79 million tonnes are the proved resources. Large mechanised Opencast mines have been planned and some are already under construction.

The coal production in the State of Orissa has reached a level of 16.27 million tonnes in 1990-91. This is likely to go upto 26.58 million tonnes by 1994-95 and 81.82 million tonnes by 2000 A.D. Some of the major projects which are planned to be developed for increasing the coal production are:—

Statement

S.No.	Projects	Coalfield	Capacity
1	Ananta O.C.	Talcher	4.0 mty.
2	Kalinga O.C.	Talcher	8.0 mty.
3	Lingraj O.C.	Talcher	5.0 mty.
4	Lakhanpur O.C.	Ib-Valley	5.0 mty.
5	Samleshwari O.C.	Ib-Valley	3.0 mty.

Purchae of Boeing 747 by Air India

*16. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have cleared the Air India's order for purchase of four Boeing 747 Combis, if so, what will be the cost and how will it be financed;

(b) what engine has been selected for these aricraft and on what considerations;

(c) from which country the same will be purchased; and